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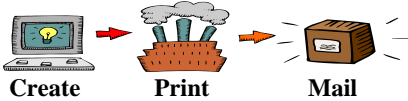


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HELP HELP HELP

Yes, the Publication Department needs help. We need a replacement for the Circulation Chairperson, but first I will discuss the status of the mailing labels for the Newsletter.

Newsletter Mailing List

This issue of the Newsletter was addressed to NFMS members whose dues were paid to the NFMS Treasurer as of the 12/31/07 "cutoff" date. Approximately 50 of those members (out of 3900) had some sort of address problem and did not pass the test necessary for automated bulk mailing (lowest cost basis for mailing the newsletter). This list essentially matches the membership list as published in the membership directory and handed out to those in attendance at the mid-year meeting last month.

Since the first of the year, we have received several hundred new members to be added to the mailing list. These new members will be added to the mailing list in the next issue (June). We apologize for the delay in updating the mailing list, but we had several personal issues that were more important and we focused our time and effort on those matters.

If there is a member in your club that has not received the newsletter and their dues were paid following the recent membership drive (with a cutoff date of 12/31/07), you should contact the Circulation Chairperson (Beverly Schroeder). If a new member has been added after the cutoff date and they are not getting the newsletter, please wait until after the June issue to report those discrepancies.

Special Announcement from Rocky McCall

SOME ONE AT THE MID-YEAR MEETING IN KENNEWICK PURCHASED TICKETS FOR THE ENDOWMENT AND RETURNED THE WRONG END OF THE STUB TO ROCKY MCCALL. THE LAST 3 NUMBERS ON THE TICKETS ARE 230--234. PLEASE CONTACT ROCKY AT rm711@tgi.net

Circulation Chairperson Replacement.

We need a replacement for the Circulation Chair because your editor is spending too much time at the computer and I am getting burned out. Even though Beverly's name is listed as the circulation chairperson, about half the job requires some computer skills in MS Word and a spreadsheet (Excel) and I provide those skills. Beverly does the rest, most of which is typing names and addresses into a spreadsheet or comparing club membership lists, the new and the old.

The job description can be divided into two phases. Phase I would be that period following the membership drive at the beginning of the year and is the more time consuming period. Phase II is adding new members to the mailing list during the year as they are received, mostly by e-mail. We added about 500 new names to the mailing list last year. Below is an outline of the Phase I effort (step 1 through 5)

1. Download the membership list one or more clubs at a time, copy into MS Word, save as plain text file, then import file into Excel (spreadsheet). This is 100% mouse work.
2. Use "Duplicate Remover" (a program you add to Excel) to find and eliminate multiple copies going to the same person or household.
3. Send a draft copy of the mailing list (by e-mail) to the AFMS editor (Carolyn Weinberger) to identify addresses that are rejected by the bulk mailing program.
4. Search for correct addresses using both "zip codes" and "superpages" on the Internet to reduce the number of rejected addresses.
5. Make address corrections and send the file by e-mail to Carolyn Weinberger for printing labels.

The main difference with phase II is that names and addresses are entered manually into a spreadsheet and then combined with the "master" mailing list. Step 2 above is still necessary, particularly if there are a large number of new entries. Also, I don't send Carolyn Weinberger a draft copy, but wait until the labels are printed and then get a rejected list. In both phase I and II, I send the Directory chair a copy of the changes, additions and deletions.

Does the above effort seem intimidating? It isn't really. For instance, in step 1 above, I could probably go through the process several times in less than one hour. What happens if no one volunteers? The Federation loses a newsletter – there isn't much sense in mailing a newsletter to obsolete addresses.

PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. IT MAY SOUND COMPLICATED, BUT IT REALLY ISN'T AND IT WOULD BE A REAL SERVICE TO THE FEDERATION

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once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact **Newsletter Editor** (printed elsewhere on this page).

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2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

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1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund Endowment Fund Treasurer is an open position. Should ask Edna Nelson who she wants the funds to be sent to.

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COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Patty Amos
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I would love to receive an electronic copy of your Club's newsletter. I will reciprocate by sending you an electronic copy of my Club's newsletter. We can exchange ideas and thoughts on how to continue strengthening and growing our Clubs and the Federation. Send your newsletter to ecataldo@cbtabs.com.

Until Next Month
Evelyn Cataldo
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Darlene's Doodles

NFMS Bulletin Aids Chair

Good Morning Editors:

Thank you for continuing to send in your monthly bulletins: they all are very interesting & enjoyable to read, plus I am sure the clubs you exchange bulletins with receive a lot of information they can & do use, which helps make all the bulletins worth sending & receiving. Keep up the good work. There are a number of Clubs who do not have their editor send in their bulletins. Do you think you might be missing out on something? Would the following clubs and/or Editors please send me at least one issue of their bulletin for 2008? PLEASE!!!

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- Matanuska-Susitna-Lila Taylor
- EUREKA NEWS-Andy Punsford
- Dust from the Diggings-Cal Miller
- LAKE CITY RH NEWS-Bev Bockman
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- ROCK WAVES-Russ Nation
- Panorama Prospect—Joseph Barreca
- PEND OREILLE NEWS-Pat Weeks
- Pt Townsend RC News-Kathy Sahli

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Margaret Stallknecht
Education Chair
NFMS 2008
Show Chair

2008 Regional Show

Hello everyone! What a winter! I'm glad that spring is around the corner and that I was able to visit out of town with clubs last winter. Boy with all the snow I wouldn't have been able to this winter. The show is coming along good. With all the committees pulling their load, it makes light work for the rest of us. The Oregon National Guard will come and stay at the fair grounds and be security for us! I think that is wonderful. The American Legion will cook breakfast Friday and Saturday from 6-? so the field trip people can eat and make the trips. I have the list of trips but not sure if I can get them in this time but I will try. I have just returned from the Ogden and Twin Falls shows. We received a wonderful response from everyone at the Fossil Park in Ogden. They just confirmed that they will come and prep dino bones for us to add to the display Mr. Ennsley will have there. All the dealers are going to be wonderful. There are a lot of new rock that no one has seen yet! The jasper from South Africa, whoooooo.. Opals, you name it! I think we have it covered. New or old, it should be there. Remember you can download the paper work on line and, if you have questions, call 208-230-2487.

Education Program

Well the Education program is growing and going into my 3rd year. I hope you all are happy so far. We were able to get 3 new programs in to the library. We have 4 new clubs with a possibility of 3 more in April. I have visited with many clubs and found a lot of things that we all need to work on to help improve the running of the clubs. The big thing is going to be getting memberships back up. I know that is hard, but we are going to start to have work shops that I hope will help. Please show your support and try to make the show in June. There will be a lot going on with field trips before and after so you can spend time going to the work shops we have lined up and visiting with each other. Come prepared to buy from the dealers! It's going to be a big learning experience all the way around! Thanks, hope to see you soon!



Evelyn Cataldo
2nd Vice
President

Spring Greetings from Kennewick

The warm weather is finally arriving and we are preparing our camping trailer for the trip to the Tri-Federation Rendezvous at Texas Springs later this month. Hope to have a chance to chat with you either at the campground or on one of the field trips during the Rendezvous.

In cleaning out the storage compartments of the trailer, we discovered that we had not unloaded part of last year's rock finds. What fun to rediscover our treasures!

Thank you to Mike Wall, Editor of the *West Seattle Petroglyphs*. Mike has added me to his list of electronic newsletter recipients. It is informative and educational to read about other Clubs' activities. Mike's Club just finished their 42nd annual West Seattle Rock & Gem Show. Congratulations on a successful Show. I'm envious of the aprons that the West Seattle Club designed for use at their Show. Maybe I can persuade my Club to design and produce an apron for our next Show.



Rocky McCall
Nominating
Committee
Member and
Past President

As a member of the nominating committee I have received permission from Fritz Mack to place his name as a nominee for 2nd Vice President of NFMS at the General Meeting in Ontario Oregon .

Fritz has been a member of the Everett Rock & Gem Club for many years and held many offices both in his local club but also served on the Safety committee for the NFMS.

COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2008 NFMS Rockhound Retreat Camp Hancock Field Station, OR

by Jack L. Edwards
2004 – 2005 Past President

My congratulations to Lamar Tilgner and the supporters who have made our NFMS Rockhound Retreat a success. Lamar called me in mid April to tell me that, for the first time, the Retreat had filled all 50 vacancies and had a waiting list of six NFMS members.

One of the first meetings that I had as President, relating to NFMS activities, was in October 2004 at Camp Hancock. This was to see if we could get the stalled program restarted. In attendance were: Past President Russell Snook, Larry Abney, Don Kendall, Jim Godfrey, Lyle Vogelwohl, Lamar and myself. I apologize if I missed anyone.

We worked up rough details on what activities would be made available for 2005. Lamar accepted the Chairmanship for the project, and Larry Abney would be the OMSI Coordinator

That was four years ago, and Lamar has faithfully continued to work towards having the great retreat that we now have.

If you have not attended, please plan on trying to attend in 2009. It is great fun, a wonderful learning experience and you will meet other NFMS Club members.

Our Federation owes Lamar and the members who have supported him a big round of applause and thanks.

Northwest Fossil of the Month

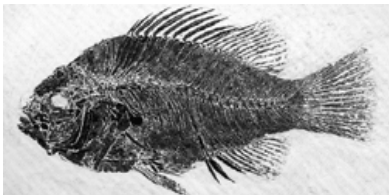
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Wyoming's Fossil Fish

Welcome to Kemmerer, Wyoming - The Fossil Fish Capital of the World. "Kemmerer, Wyoming is a small town with a population of 103 Pronghorn Antelope, 113,000 Fossil Fish and 3000 people located near the Fossil Butte National Monument, some of the best hunting and fishing in the world, and the majesty of Yellowstone Park." Or so their web page says, Fossil Butte National Monument.

Some of the world's best preserved fossils are found in the flat-topped ridges of southwestern Wyoming's cold sagebrush desert. Fossilized fish, insects, plants, reptiles, birds, and mammals are exceptional for their abundance, variety, and detail of preservation. Most remarkable is the story they tell of ancient life in a sub-tropical landscape. The Green River Formation includes the best paleontological record of Tertiary aquatic communities in North America and possibly the world.

A most excellent site for information and advice about the Green River



Formation's fish fossils is at http://www.orerockon.com/ore_rock.htm. Click on the Green River Formation Fossil Fish Digging spot. Tim Fisher's site is wonderful and he has experience. He tells you where to go, what to do, what the fossils are, how to collect them and how to prepare them

Kemmerer is also the home of Fossil Butte National Monument that displays all of the wonderful fossils. Fossil Butte National Monument is located in southwest Wyoming near U.S. Highway 30, approximately 13 miles west of Kemmerer and 15 miles east of Sage Junction near the Utah/Wyoming state lines.

Once spring officially breaks and that old demon cabin fever takes over, this is a wonderful place to roam. The museum is breath-taking and full of amazing fossils. The hills around are rimmed with fossil digging operations. No one comes away empty handed. Either your pockets are full of fish or your brain is full of thoughts of the earth during the Tertiary! At any rate, it's a great place to experience the past! Go there!

A.F.M.S. Club Rockhound of the Year

by Vi Jones, N.F.M.S. Committee Chair

What is it? And what does it have to do with my club or me?

Truly belonging to any club means commitment and passion for the hobby, plus the ability to share your talents and help others grow. Many clubs have mentoring committees, and if you have been a recipient of this type of program you know what I am talking about. We all learn in different ways--but without someone to teach, demonstrate, coordinate, lead or spend countless hours of service doing endless tasks--our interests and hobby will die. I for one refuse to fall prey to apathy and don't want my club or hobby to die.

So how do we keep our rockhound hobby alive? We honor all those who are making it work! It also helps to have some imagination and the ability to work with others in getting needs met. (How to keep clubs alive and growing is a separate topic for another time.)

The A.F.M.S. Club Rockhound of the Year is simply an HONOR--an honor that an officer or committee of your club bestows on an individual or couple that have demonstrated work, skills or dedication above and beyond normal expectations of club members.

Each year the American Society of Mineralogical Societies publishes your nomination plus a short write-up (approximately 100 words) in the A.F.M.S. Newsletter. Each year, each club is eligible to nominate their "Rockhound of the Year". This write-up also appears in your club bulletin and the N.F.M.S. Bulletin. What better way to recognize the efforts of your members? I would recommend that each club establish a committee chair to search out and recognize the talented and industrious members of each club so that people get the credit they deserve. I won't tell you how to honor your members--that is your job and your responsibility--just get it done! Yearly!

Please submit your club name(s) and a short description of their accomplishments to me and I will see that it is in the correct format and sent in to the A.F.M.S. and N.F.M.S. (If each club from the N.F.M.S. contributed their one nomination, we would fill up the A.F.M.S. newsletter!)

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Rockhound of the Year Nomination

North Puget Sound Faceting Guild nominates Bob Jimenez as our Rockhound of the Year. Texas rock hounds, Bob and his wife Shirley (now deceased) moved to Washington in 1998 and immediately became involved in the Whidbey Pebble Pushers and the North Puget Sound Faceting Guild. Bob became the editor of both club newsletters--winning many honors for his editorial expertise. Bob and Shirley were officers in both organizations. They enthusiastically planned and helped coordinate two faceting conferences held by the faceting guild. Bob was instrumental in starting a school program honoring children for exemplary behavior. Students received polished rocks as their reward. Bob also helped junior rock hound activities including field trips, teaching about rocks and displaying. Although Shirley never got Bob to facet, he published a thorough and interesting bulletin for nearly 10 years. Bob has demonstrated a high standard of excellence in all aspects of the hobby and we thank and salute him!

Submitted by ViJones, President, North Puget Sound Faceting Guild and
Beverly Dillon, Federation Director

REMINDER

DEADLINE FOR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS FOR THE NFMS SHOW IN ONTARIO, OREGON IS: JUNE 1, 2008.

Applications must be in to Rocky McCall, 8330 272nd St. NW Stanwood, WA 98292-7430. Don't wait till the last minute, we all have horror stories about the Post Office.

PARTICIPATING is the key word here. YOU who put in a competitive or non-competitive exhibit are giving the public a glimpse into our hobby.

For those of you who will be putting in a non-competitive exhibit, if you would like to have it evaluated by a judge, please contact me at the show, preferable on Thursday during set-up to let me know so I can find an appropriate judge for you.

I hope we will have a large group competing this year, as next year in 2009 we will be host to the AFMS/NFMS show in Billings, Montana and we'd like to have as many as possible qualified ahead of time.

Dee Holland
NFMS Rules Chair, 2008
beauholland@centurytel.net Note new email
or shirleyleeson@msn.com please use both emails

Future Rockhounds of America UPDATE

by Jim Brace-Thompson
AFMS Juniors Program Chair

I have recently updated and augmented the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) Merit Badge program to incorporate 6 new badges (thus bringing the total number of merit badges to 15, plus a Membership badge and a Rockhound badge for kids earning at least 6 of the merit badges). The newly revised manual is in the process of being posted to the AFMS web site with a host of other updated materials I'm sending to AFMS web master, Marty Hart.

If I can provide you with any further information about FRA or the associated merit badge program, please don't hesitate to call, email, or write. I'm here to serve you and to assist in helping inspire and involve the next generation of rockhounds!

7319 Eisenhower Street
Ventura, CA 93003
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jbraceth@roadrunner.com

Below is the first of a three part series that I have composed to supplement the information already available on the Future Rockhounds of America program. The remaining updates will be included in subsequent issue of this newsletter.

Part I – How to Use the FRA Badge Program

Here are answers to 4 common questions I always receive about the AFMS/FRA merit badge program:

How Does the Merit Badge Program Work?

The program consists of an FRA Membership badge, 15 merit badges (Rocks & Minerals, Earth Resources, Fossils, Lapidary Arts, Collecting, Showmanship, Communication, Field Trips, Leadership, Earth Processes, Earth in Space, Gemstone Lore & Legend, Stone Age Tools & Art, Gold Panning & Prospecting, and Rocking on the Computer), and a "Rockhound Badge" for kids who earn 6 of the 15 merit badges. A 155-page guidebook describes and outlines requirements for each of the 15 merit badges. There are 85 activities to choose from, or about a half dozen activities per badge, with kids required to complete only 3 activities to earn any particular badge. Checklists in the guidebook make it easy for youth leaders to sign off on activities as junior members complete them. In addition, brief back-up pages and suggestions help leaders guide their kids through each activity. The guidebook is available both in hardcopy (photocopied) and on the AFMS web site (<http://www.amfed.org/fra/meritbadge.htm>). To save on costs to the program, which is being provided entirely free, I encourage you to download a copy of the guidebook and its checklist sheets from the web. If this is not possible, contact me for a copy.

How Do I Sign up the Kids in My Local Club?

The program is for clubs with youth members enrolled in the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America (FRA). To enroll your kids, contact me (call 805-659-3577 or email jbraceth@roadrunner.com). All you need is a group of kids (up to age 18), a sponsoring club, a key contact person, and an application to FRA. (An application form will be included in the next issue of this newsletter) Your club must be affiliated with the AFMS. The number of youth is not important: you can have as few as just 1 or 2—or as many as you can handle!

How Do I Order the Merit Badges?

Because this is a fairly new program and we don't have a long history as to what potential supply-and-demand will be, I'm keeping distribution of badges centralized, at least until we've developed such a history. For budgetary reasons, we are only able to order limited quantities of badges at a time. Thus, rather than send bulk quantities of badges to local youth leaders and exhaust our supply right away, I ask that local leaders at individual clubs send me requests for badges as they are earned.

How to go about this? You should make multiple copies of the activity checklists that are included in the merit badge guidebook. For each child, check off activities as they are completed. When at least 3 activities are checked off for any one badge, both the child and youth leader sign the checklist, write in the mailing address of the youth leader, and send it to me: Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Juniors Program Chair, 7319 Eisenhower Street, Ventura, CA 93003. I'll record

the information and send the badge. To speed the whole process, I'm also willing to do fulfillment via the phone or email (see my contact info, above) rather than through the mail so long as the youth leader indicates: 1) the badge being requested, 2) which activities a child has completed to earn that badge, 3) the child's name and name of his/her club, and 4) name and mailing address of the youth leader to send the badge to.

I know this is a bit cumbersome and will mean a time lag in getting badges to kids. But, in discussing this with others in the AFMS, I decided it's best to use this centralized approach at least in the beginning in order to monitor how much the program is getting utilized. It's also necessary in order to keep tabs on which activities are proving most popular and how many badges actually end up getting awarded. This way, we'll have an accurate record for the future in estimating budgets for how many badges, and which ones, will need to be manufactured on a regular basis. In order to keep the program free, we need to monitor all costs closely and keep a lid on those costs by only distributing what's actually being used.

How Can We Make the Merit Badge Program Better?

Finally, I welcome feedback, comments for improvements to existing activities, and ideas of new activities and badges to add to the program. My hope is to add new badges every 3 or 4 years. We started this in 2004 with 9 badges, which were augmented in 2008 with 6 more, many of which were the direct result of suggestions by kids and their youth leaders. So let's all pitch in to provide an educational program by which kids learn, earn rewards, and—as always—have fun!

BLUERIBBON COALITION ACTION ALERT!

Submitted by Shirley Leeson and Dee Holland

Attention Recreationists!

Nicholas Haris, Western States Representative for the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), just sent us their latest News Release. I have pasted in a copy below; please take a couple of minutes to read it over, take action and pass it on to your friends.

NEW OFF-ROAD TRAILS BANNED IN WASHINGTON STATE

PICKERINGTON, Ohio--In a last-minute maneuver, Washington State lawmakers effectively banned the creation of new motorized off-road riding trails and facilities for at least a year, even though the state will continue collecting fees and taxes from those trail users, the American Motorcyclist Association reports. The amendment to the budget bill was inserted at the last minute during a late-night conference committee meeting, leaving no chance for public input or debate, said AMA Western States Representative Nick Haris. "It's hard to say which is more outrageous: the way this language was inserted in the bill in the dark of night, or the fact that the state of Washington plans to keep taking gasoline tax money and registration fees from off-road vehicle users -- money that is supposed to be used to create off-road recreation opportunities -- while giving the ORV community nothing in return for at least an entire year," said Haris.

The proposed state budget, which covers the period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, was approved by the full legislature on March 13 and the measure, ESHB2765, is now on Gov. Christine Gregoire's desk. The ban on new trails and facilities was contained in a single paragraph buried on page 75 of a 129-page bill by a six-member conference committee that hammered out Senate and House differences over the proposed budget before sending the document to the floors of both chambers for final approval. The conference committee members were Sens. Karen Fraser (D-Thurston County), Debbie Regala (D-Tacoma) and Dale Brandland (R-Bellingham) and House members Bill Fromhold (D-Vancouver-Clark County), Shay Schual-Berke (D-SeaTac) and Joyce McDonald (R-Puyallup). In the section of the budget that provides funding for the Department of Natural Resources recreation renovations, those lawmakers inserted 11th-hour language that reads:

"The department shall not plan for, or construct, new or expanded facilities or trails for off-road vehicles for recreation on state lands until after June 30, 2009, unless the project is already funded, has been considered as part of a landscape-level plan for recreation that has completed State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review, which included public participation, and is the best alternative to protect environmental or trust resources and public safety from immediate risk."

"These legislators owe the OHV community an explanation for why this language was added to the bill with no opportunity for public comment," said Haris. "Additionally, the AMA calls on Governor Gregoire to use her line-item veto to remove this unfair amendment from the budget bill."



2008 Northwest Federation Gem and Mineral Show June 20-22, 2008
Malheur County Fairgrounds, Ontario, Oregon 97914
Hosted by Stallknecht-Morgan Museum Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION (Deadline June 1, 2008)

Please one form per person. Form may be duplicated. Payment may be combined for families.

Name: _____
 Address: _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Your Local Club/ or Federation Affiliation: _____

Please CIRCLE all that apply:

NFMS Officer _____ Alt Director/ Delegate _____
 Committee Chair (if so, what position) _____ Judge _____ Clerk _____
 Demonstrator _____ Competitive Exhibitor _____ Noncompetitive Exhibitor _____

SHOW ADMISSION (Please check)	DAILY RATE	DAYS	3 DAY PASS	TOTAL COST
ADULT	\$5.00	_____	\$12.00	\$ _____
SENIOR (60+)	\$4.00	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____
Student (10-17)	\$3.00	_____	\$7.00	\$ _____
Exhibitor/Spouse/Demonstrator	Free	_____	Free	\$ Free
Camping Dry	\$10.00	_____	\$25	\$ _____
Camping Electric Only (limited)	\$15.00	_____	\$40	\$ _____

For Camping Reservations Call Margaret Stallknecht - (208) 365-1653

Note: All food events require reservations: Food events will be held at the Malheur County Fairgrounds Multi Purpose Room.

FRIDAY: June 20, 2008

If you plan to attend a no cost event please, CIRCLE EVENT NAME

Judges & Clerks Breakfast	8:30 AM	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
NFMS Annual Meeting	6:00 PM	no cost	\$ _____

SATURDAY: June 21, 2008

All Editors Breakfast Buffet	8:30 AM	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Past Presidents, Officers, and Committee Chair Luncheon	12:00 PM	\$12.00	\$ _____
Editors Symposium following above		no cost	
Social Hour before Banquet	6:00 PM	no host	
Banquet Buffet	7:00 PM	\$15.00	\$ _____

Make check payable to Stallknecht Museum and mail with registration form before June 1, 2008 to:
 2008 NFMS Show, P. O. Box 171, Letha, ID 83636-0171

Show Chairman: Margaret Stallknecht - (208) 365-1653

NFMS DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIALS

Name of Director _____
 Name of Club _____
 City, State _____
 Club President Signature _____
 Club Secretary Signature _____
 Date _____

Must be completed and signed to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

NFMS DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS

Name of Delegate _____
 Name of Club _____
 City, State _____
 Club President Signature _____
 Club Secretary Signature _____
 Date _____

Must be completed and signed to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

The NFMS Credentials Committee Chairperson, Donna Carson, must receive the names (only) of Club Directors and Delegates as soon as possible (ASAP) for planning purposes of the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held during the Annual Show, June 20-22, 2008 in Ontario, OR

The Credential forms above must be completed by the designated director/delegate, signed by the Club President and Secretary, and **BROUGHT BY THE DIRECTOR AND/OR DELEGATE** to the annual meeting. Or, this should be done by the alternate delegate(s), if necessary. Send the name(s) (not the credentials) to:

Mary Bolton
 17450 S.E. Brooklyn
 Portland, OR 97236
 Phone: (503) 760-5176
 E-mail: philmary@comcast.net

Share Your Local Collecting Locations

Send us short descriptions of favorite collecting areas that are available in your state or county. This is a great way to help build the hobby and help others in their exploration for new areas. Does anyone have information about Redtop, or the Garnet area in Idaho, or a favorite fossil area or directions to less known collecting sites that can be shared? **Share your knowledge by sending your collecting tips to the NFMS Northwest Newsletter.** Below is a sample three Central Oregon Locations provided by Keene Clay of the Mt Hood Rock Club. **This is a GREAT way to contribute to the Newsletter and make the newsletter more interesting to others. This could be done on a regular or occasional basis, what ever fits your schedule and knowledge base.**

Central Oregon Collecting locations

by Keene Clay, Mt Hood Rock Club

The following is a brief summary of some of the sites that are available in the Prineville, Oregon area. This is by no means a complete list. Each of these sites is still productive and worthy of small or large groups on a rock hounding adventure. They are listed in no specific order. Maps that show these sites and other are available at the BLM on the East end of Prineville on Highway 26.

Pink Limb: Follow the Post/Paulina highway southeast out of Prineville to milepost 51. At MP 51 there is a gravel road that goes south for about 4 miles and ends up at a camping area on the South Fork of the Crooked River. The collecting area is in an area about one mile surrounding the camp and extending for a considerable distance further to the south and west. You can also get to the collecting area by going south on Camp Creek road for about 8 miles and taking the dirt road to the east just past the rock quarry.

Pink limb material is an agate cast of wood limbs and pieces. It is classically pink in color but also will be clear, blue, green and grey. Some still has the wood grain showing and some will have beautiful quartz crystal interiors. Pieces can still be found in sizes ranging from finger size to tree trunk sizes. This location is available spring through fall. It is incredibly hot in mid summer. It is best in the spring after heavy rains. The best collecting often requires some significant hiking over rough terrain. Some people have been successful digging in banks near the river and creeks in the area.

White Fir Springs Jasper Eggs: Take Highway 26 east out of Prineville to MP 41 and turn left on Wildcat Mountain Road. This site and others are well marked on maps available at the Prineville Forest Service or BLM offices. Follow this road for about 4 miles and watch for the forest service sign on the right side of the road. Turn up this little spur road for about 200 yards and you will see distinct diggings on both sides of the roadway. The first big dig on the left has always been productive for rock hounds that are willing to put in the work. The trick is to clean out the hole to about 5 feet deep. The top 4 feet will have very little material. Once you get to the 5 foot depth you will find a variety of tan lumpy potato shaped rocks. Some of them are still in the original matrix of welded ash. Do not overlook the large clumps of welded ash because they contain some of the best and largest eggs. The prize material is the tri-color or four color eggs that blend white, yellow, brown and purple in beautiful pastels. If one egg has good color, the others in the hole will usually have the same colors. There are many holes in the area and all have been productive, but the best multicolored eggs have been in the area close to the road.

Lucky Strike Mine: This is a fee dig. You can dig the eggs in the mine and pay \$1.00 per pound or you can pick your eggs out of a pile at the cabin and pay 4 quarters per pound. The eggs are excellent and Kop, the claim owner for over 50 years, is a bit of Oregon history and lore that you shouldn't miss. To get to the claim, take Highway 26 east out of Prineville. Near the summit, (and just past the rest area on the left), you will turn right on road 27. This road goes across the North side of the Mill Creek Wilderness. Follow 27 to road 200. (Watch for signs to Lucky Strike mines). Turn right on road 200 and continue for another 2 long miles. Watch for more signs to the mine entrance.

MP 40 Agate and nodules: Take Highway 26 east out of Prineville. At about MP 40 you will see a large rock quarry on the left side of the highway. Go through the large green gate and into the quarry. Close the gate behind you. This quarry changes whenever they have worked in it, and the best times are if you get there soon after they have been removing rock for local road work. There are several layers, at about 50 foot intervals. Access to the layers is easiest if you hike up the "cat" trails on the north side of the quarry. If you look at the exposed face of the rock you will see layers of white seam agate. It varies greatly in color, thickness

and quality. If you go into the upper levels of the quarry, you may find interesting bluish agate nodules ranging from the size of walnuts to the size of softballs. They weather out of the sheer cliffs and may not be present if others have been there before you. Like many locations, it is a treasure hunt and you may find nothing more than exceptional geological formations and lots of exercise. Be very careful to watch for loose and unstable rock and be cautious if digging in the exposed face of the cliff. Be aware of the people above and below you in the quarry. It would be worthwhile to explore the larger area around the quarry. The agate and nodules run through a much larger area.

Lead, Follow, Explore

We often worry about the loss of possible collecting sites. We can lose them because of changes in policy, ownership, and claim status. Most often we lose them because we forget that they are available and we stop going. We have more good sites than any of us can cover in a 5 year period. We need to remember that the rock hounds that follow us today should become trip leaders in the years to come and make sure everybody has a chance to collect.

INTER-REGIONAL FIELD TRIPS

by Richard Pankey, Inter – Regional Field Trips

The AFMS ad hoc committee for Inter Regional Field Trips was established to promote and conduct interaction between the members of the Federations of AFMS. And, when I say members, I don't mean the clubs or the officers, I mean the people. The rockhounds! Prior to establishing this committee the interaction between Federations typically only happened at an AFMS combined meeting and show. And, this basically has been limited to the Federations' officers and the committees. While the stated purpose of this committee is to hold and promote field trips, I think the scope could be expanded to include rock swaps, seminars, classes, and the like. To start, we will focus on field trips.

A difference between an "Inter Regional Field Trip" and a Federation field trip or a club trip often comes down to who is invited, how the trip is promoted and where it is promoted. The last few years I have received and diligently read several other Federation newsletters and have become aware of a number of field trips and related events that could easily fit the criteria of an "inter-regional trip". By its' nature an inter-regional field trip is probably bigger than most other field trips and therefore requires more thought and planning. Since the purpose is to attract a broader geographical attendance, the collecting opportunity should be for material that is of good quality and good supply and easily obtainable by both experienced and inexperienced rockhounds. This event can and should offer those attending more than just collecting. It should provide opportunities for socializing and interaction: potluck dinners, happy hour get together and evening campfires. There can be other attractions and activities such as speakers from BLM/Forest Service/local experts, map exchanges and home material swap, special sight seeing attractions like a National Park, and other collecting sites in the area or on the way.

Over the next few months I will be talking more about the considerations and planning for an "Inter-Regional Field Trip". If anyone has any thoughts or ideas about what we should consider when holding a trip, please send me an e-mail at: dickpankey@juno.com.

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2008 Northwest Federation Gem and Mineral Show
June 20-22, 2008
Malheur County Fairgrounds, Ontario, Oregon 97914
Hosted by Stallknecht-Morgan Museum Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT APPLICATION

Exhibitor Name _____ Phone _____
Spouse _____ (Free entry to exhibitor & spouse)

Address _____ Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Member of _____ Club or Society _____ City/State _____

Competing in: Division _____ Class _____ Junior Only: DOB _____

Cases will be judged according to the current edition of AFMS Uniform Rules, the latest "Gem List", the latest Mineral Classification List, and the latest AFMS Fossil List.

Exhibitor Group: _____ Master _____ Advanced _____ Novice _____ Junior _____ Society _____ Jr. Society _____
Your Case Dimensions: _____ width _____ height _____ depth
Do you need to borrow a case? _____ yes _____ no

Loaner cases are available (4' x 2' x 2') and each is fitted with liners covering ends, back, and bottoms (with NO RISERS). SETUP: Case (s) may be set up between 12 PM and 8 PM on Thursday.

LIGHTING: Limitations are as follows: 150 watts per 4' case, 225 watts per 6' case. Per regulations, cases may be examined and could be removed from the show if over the limits.

LIABILITY: It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Stallknecht-Morgan Museum Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of Exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Competitive exhibitors must sign the following statement, except those entering Division E (Educational). I certify that all materials exhibited in the competition are my personal property, and that all workmanship exhibited in competition was done by me as required by the "AFMS Uniform Rules".

SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR: _____ (One application per exhibit please)

Officer Certification: I am an officer of _____ and I certify this exhibitor is a member in good standing of this NFMS Society. Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Send Forms to: Rocky McCall, 8330 272 St N.W., Stanwood, WA 98292 (phone 360-629-2515), rm711@tgi.net

Submission Deadline June 1, 2008 (No Exceptions)



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NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT APPLICATION
(Please return by: June 1, 2008)

Exhibitor Name _____ Phone _____

Spouse _____ (Free entry to exhibitor & spouse)

Address _____ Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Member of _____ Club or Society _____ City/State _____

Brief Description of exhibit _____

CASES: I have a Federation Style case: 4' _____ 6' _____ 8' _____ I need a loaner case 4' _____

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SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR: _____ (One application per exhibit please)

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:
Exhibits Chairman: Roger Beck
%Margaret Stallknecht, P.O. Box 171, Letha, ID 83636-0171
PHONE: (208) 365-1653
EMAIL: mestallknecht@yahoo.com

Gem, Mineral, Rock & Jewelry Show June 7 & 8th, 2008

Who: sponsored by North Idaho Mineral Club Inc.

Contact Bob Bockman 208-773-5384 for more info

Admission \$2
12 & under free

Where: At Kootenai Fair & Expo Grounds,
Coeur d'Alene ID,
Corner of Kathleen and Gov't Way,
1 block off of HWY 95



Displays, Vendors,
Children's corner, Door
prizes, Food on site, Grab
bags, Spin-the-wheel, Silent
auction & more...

When: June 7 from 9-5:00pm
June 8 from 10-4:00pm

New publication for bead and wire jewelry artists.

Helen Goga (publisher of The Wire Artist Jeweller and Chains by Becky) and Alan Gooding (graphic artist and editor of both publications) have prepared a new book — **Earrings by Helen.**

Covering findings, components, ear cuffs and designs, Earrings by Helen features 22 projects plus bonus patterns. The projects range from novice to advanced and are an excellent resource for any jewelry artist. Each project is beautifully photographed with extremely close detail and carefully written instructions to help the artist successfully complete each project.

You can find more information at www.wirejeweler.com

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Matthew O'Rourke

Other Hotels in Ontario, Oregon

- Best Western Inn & Suites, 251 Goodfellow Street, (541) 889-2600
- Colonial Inn, 1395 Tapadera Ave., (541) 889-9615
- Economy Inn Motel, 8 North Oregon St., (541) 889-6449
- Holiday Inn Ontario, Oregon, 1249 Tapadera Avenue, (541) 889-8621
- Holiday Motel/Roadway Inn Ontario, 615 East Idaho Avenue, (541) 889-9188
- Ontario Inn, 1144 SW 4th Ave., (541) 823-2556
- Oregon Trail Motel, 92 E. Idaho Ave., (541) 889-8633
- Sleep Inn Ontario, 1221 S.E. 1st Ave., (541) 889-0007
- Super 8 Motel, 266 Goodfellow St., (541) 889-8282

68th Annual NFMS Show "Up and Coming in Ontario"

June 20-22, 2008

Ontario, Oregon,
Malheur County Fairgrounds Convention Center
Meetings: Fairgrounds Multi-Purpose Room

Features: Top exhibits of minerals, fossils, gems and jewelry, field trips every day, silent auction, kids activity, dinosaur eggs & trackways, games & prizes, scavenger hunt.

Dealers: The finest dealers of jewelry, minerals, mining equipment, fossils, flint knapping, and hobby supplies

Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 each day

Admission: Adults \$5:00, Seniors & Students (11-17) \$4.00 - each day. Children 10 and under free, if accompanied by an adult

Host: Stallknecht Museum Gem & Mineral Society
Margaret Stallknecht, 2008 NFMS Show Chairman
P. O. Box 171, Letha, ID 83636-0171
Phone: (208) 365-1653
Email: mestallknecht@yahoo.com

68th Annual NFMS Show & Convention

For your convenience, a block of guest rooms have been reserved at the
Holiday Inn
June 18-22, 2008

Guests will receive a special rate of \$99.00 plus tax.
(This rate allows up to 4 guests per room.)

All guests are required to call the Hotel directly to reserve their individual rooms and to obtain a confirmation number no later than June 4, 2008.
After such date, any room without a reservation will be released.

PLEASE ASK FOR THE NFMS RATE

To make your reservation, please call the Front Desk at
1-800-525-5333

With free reservation in Front Desk @ check-in, guests will receive a \$1 coupon for a FREE meal or beverage (guest choice).
Out coupon per room per day.

Check-In: 3pm
And remember: Stay Eat Sleep at Holiday Inn!

NFMS JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS

"News Flash May 2008"



**Juniors
Chairman**

Gary Buhr

May flowers, more sunshine and much closer to your biggest event of the NFMS year. Would you believe that if you are unfamiliar with what that biggest event is by now, you are very likely to miss the "Spirit of '08", which is running on time during June 20, 21, and 22. "Up and Coming in Ontario", your 2008 NFMS Annual Show and Convention, will be the Greatest Show on Earth for the Rockhounds around the Northwest. Hopefully, your plans are already in place for travel, lodging and PARTICIPATION in your Annual NFMS Show. Look forward to seeing you there!

Why would a Junior Rockhound and family want to go the "extra mile(s)" for a Rock Show? Besides the travel adventures and scenery of getting there and back home, you will meet the finest Rockhounds and talent from the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. New friendships form forever. Simply there will be the best of the best Gem Dealers, Demonstrators, Raffles, Auctions, Displays (competitive and non-competitive), Field Trips, Educational Seminars and the KIDS CORNER. Where you can spin the four foot Wheel of Fortune, Make Critters, Play Mineral Bingo, Pan for Gems or purchase Raffle Tickets for fabulous prizes that benefit only the NFMS Junior Achievement Trust Fund. Actually, Show Chair Margaret Stallknecht has much more in store for us this year, but you will need to attend to fully appreciate all that will be there

Yes, it is truly a "Herculean maneuver" to successfully put the Annual NFMS Show together where it meets the needs or expectations of all participants, but without YOUR attendance, success may be somewhat elusive and compromised. Let's Go!

You will have the opportunity to enjoy meeting Junior superstars like 2007 NFMS Junior Achievement Award FIRST PLACE Winner COLIN ROWE pictured with his rock crystal display and the Legendary Plaque in the 2008 Everett Rock and Gem Club 55th Annual Show last February. COLIN will be PARTICIPATING in the biggest event of the NFMS year in Ontario, Oregon next month.



COLIN ROWE

Another famous Junior superstar you can meet is ALYSSA CARNES, 2007 NFMS Junior Achievement Award FIRST PLACE Winner (Age 12 and Under Category) who sports a very active Junior Membership in the Rock and Arrowhead Club of Klamath Falls, Oregon. The photo of ALYSSA shows solid happiness with hands-on education while in her lapidary shop.



ALYSSA CARNES

We already have applicants for the 2008 NFMS Junior Achievement Awards which are presented at the Saturday night Banquet Buffet. Make that a date--June 21. Who will win these prestigious awards this year? How many from your Rock Club will be there to enjoy the festivities?

Early April brings out one of the most festive events when the Mt Hood Rock Club presents their Annual Show in Gresham, Oregon. The famous attraction of this Show is the big Easter (Thunder) Egg Hunt for KIDS where 800 pounds of T eggs are "hidden" for about 600 KIDS to discover in a matter of minutes. What a dependable way to mobilize KIDS and their parents to get to your Rock Show so they can experience the goings-on of our favorite hobby--Rockhounding!



Mt. Hood Thunderegg Hunt

Do you need more ideas for your Juniors Meetings? Betsy Oberheim, Juniors Activity Chair for the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies, discovered a huge resource for projects about geology. The National Energy Foundation (www.nef1.org) has published a 536 page teacher's guide titled "Out of the Rock", a very well illustrated guide to teaching about geology that is divided into four grade levels from K through 9+, check it out on their website.

Award Winning ("Pebbles") Editor Shawn van der Putten from Everett Rock and Gem Club (WA) has discovered three keen websites for Junior Rockhounding: 1.) Rockhound Kids is a site made and maintained by Junior friends, includes a newsletter, mineral gallery, contests and other Juniors data (<http://www.rockhoundkids.com/rh-newsletter.html>); 2.) Diamond Dan Publications has kits for KIDS who are interested in learning more about rocks (<http://home.rochester.rr.com/diamonddan>); 3.) Ryan's Rockhounding Story is full of great stuff for KIDS by KIDS, such as facts, jokes and activities including how to make sedimentary cookies! (<http://library.thinkquest.org/J002289/hound.html>). If there is no computer in your house, how far is the Public Library where they will help you find these neat sites. One of our 2008 NFMS Junior Achievement Award applicants has her own website too! Stay tuned for an upcoming "News Flash".

BITTERROOT GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW

MAY 24-MAY 25 2008

SATURDAY 9:00 TO 6:00
SUNDAY 9:00 TO 5:00

HAMILTON SENIOR CENTER
HAMILTON, MONTANA

CONTACT: STEVEVIETH @ MSN.COM

2008 PACIFIC NORTHWEST ROCK CLUB FIELD TRIPS

Editor's Note: *The field trips listed below came from Tim Fisher's website www.orerockon.com. These trips have not been proofread or verified. It is strongly suggested you communicate with the contact person for additional information particularly if you plan to attend. Permission was obtained from Tim to publish this list on 4-26-08.*

This list is a compilation of information and offerings of different clubs. It is our hope to support the activities and growth of Rock Clubs in the Northwest. You will be welcome to join in on any of the listed field trips regardless of club affiliation. These trips are well organized and operated by volunteers. There are fees for participation and/or rocks you take on some of these trips. Please contact the people on the list about these trips since the MHRC does not have any additional information about them! The following information may be changed due to numerous conditions and situations. It is your responsibility to contact the designated field trip leader for final information and confirmation of the trips. If you choose to participate you are responsible for the actions, health and safety of yourself and your family. We expect you to treat your hosts with respect and follow the rules and respect the boundaries that they lay out. Uncooperative or disrespectful guests will not be welcome on future trips and activities. Rock Club names are at the end.

WHEN	WHERE	MATERIAL	MISC. INFO	CONTACT
May 8 - 17	Blue Forest, Texas Springs, McDermitt /MHRC	Petrified wood, agate, jasper, wonderstone, limb casts	Looking for people to share gas and driving	Dick Williams 360-225-8676
May 17 - 18	Cave Junction OR / CLACK	Rhodonite	Reggie Gem & Geology Club claim: \$10 fee	Martin Davidson 503 250-2030 davidson0391@comcast.net Roy Woo 503 459-1903
May 17 - 18	Plush OR / TVGC	Sunstones	Call for info	Roy Woo 503 459-1903
May 17 - 18	Saddle Mountain	Petrified wood, diatomite pit jasper	Meet 9:00 @ Mattawa Lepricon Market	Diane Rose - 208 667-8591 rockinroses2@msn.com
May 21 - 26	Mattawa WA / NID Texas Spring NV / TRI	Thundereggs, limb casts, agate, jasper	Jackpot NV area; Call for info	Dick Parks 360 892-3716
May 24 - 25	Junura, OR / IGC & OGMs	Petrified wood	Call coordinator for info	Tony Griffin 208 863-4248
June 7 - 8	First Creek Ellensburg WA / ELB	Blue agate, jasper, thundereggs, geodes	Meet @ 9 AM at 29 Pines CG	Bob Johnson 425 231-0716
June 16 - 19	Homedale ID, Succot Cr., Owyhees / MHRC	Pet. wood, fossils, plume agate, jasper, thundereggs	Camp at Snake River RV Park, dig Mon-Wed, Thurs. to Ontario show	Tim Fisher 503 631-7236 nospan@orerockon.com
June 16	Glass Buttes OR / TVGC	Obsidian	Call for info	Roy Woo 503 459-1903
June 20 - 23	Ontario OR / IGC, OGMs & NFMS	Thundereggs, plume agate, McDermitt pet. wood	Ontario OR - NFMS show, fairgrounds, RV camping, daily trips, details at show	Tony Griffin 208 863-4248
June 20 - 23	Republic and Rock Candy Mountain / NSLMC	Fossils, fluorite	Republic, WA. Rock Hammer, chisel	fieldtrips@northseattlerockclub.org
July 2 - 6	5 Madras area ranches / Pow Wow	Joe & Alex McDonald, Darrell Friend, John Marston and Ron Ochs Ranches	Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds Fee camp, water, showers and toilet, fee digs, meet @ 8 AM SHARP	Rocky McCall 360 629-2515 rm711@tgi.net
June 28 - July 6	Oregon Adventure / NSLMC	Thunder eggs, common opal, agate, jasper	Richardson's Ranch, Madras Pow Wow, Stinkingwater, Glass Buttes, McDermitt	fieldtrips@northseattlerockclub.org
July 9 - 13	Nyssa Thunderegg Days	Thundereggs	Info at show, Nyssa, OR	Nyssa Chamber of Commerce 541 372-3091
July 12	Salmon Creek WA / SWMS	Agate, carnelian, petrified wood, "coprolites"	Pick, shovel bucket - easy, walking	Chuck Sommer 360 785-3909 chucksmr@yahoo.com
July 20	Mt. Higgins WA / WAC	Pink Rhodonite	Meet at 9:00 @ OSO Gas (closed), Mt. Vernon Hard rock tools, TOUGH tires	Mike Messenger 360 456-6930 wams1939@comcast.net
July 18 - 20	Davis Creek / KRAC	Obsidian, rock swap	Lassen Creek Campground, see website for details	http://klamathrockclub.org rockbound@klamathrockclub.org Gene 541 850-0325
July 19 - 20	Wagontown and Silver City / IGC	Silver ore, minerals	Camp Silver City area; call for info	Tony Griffin 208 863-4248
July 26	Sweetwater Claim and Sloan Creek / NSLMC	Travertine and Garnets	Darrington, WA Hammer, gold pan, tweezers, screens, vials	fieldtrips@northseattlerockclub.org

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July 26	Lake Wenatchee / EKC	Garnets, actinolite, talc	Meet @ 9:00 AM @ L Wenatchee Ranger Station, dig & screen	Norma & Kevin 206 612-3113 coyotekevin@hotmail.com
Aug 9	Heather Lake / NSLMC	Garnets, Talc	Lake Wenatchee	fieldtrips@northseattlerockclub.org
Aug 9 - 10	Little Naches River / SWMS	Thundereggs, agate	Pick, shovel, bucket - moderate, walking	Chuck Sommer 360 785-3909
Aug 16	Little Naches River / PUY	Thundereggs, agate	Meet @ 9 AM @ Kemer Flat CG; Dig & light hard rock tools	Erik Chilson 360-825-3138 infemalspawnolevil@hotmail.co
Aug 22 - 24	Madras & Ochoco Mtns. OR / TVGC	Thundereggs, jasper	Richardson's Ranch, White Fir Spring, Lucky Strike Mine	Roy Woo 503 459-1903
Aug 23 - 24	Emerald Creek & Clarkia St. Maries ID / IGC	Star garnet, leaf fossils	Call coordinator for info	Tony Griffin 208 863-4248
Aug 23	Hooker Cr. OR / OGMs	Petrified wood	Call coordinator for info	John Powell 208 454-0550
Aug 29 - Sept 1	Prineville and Glass Buttes / MHRC & NFMS	Thundereggs, agate, petrified wood, limb casts, obsidian	Exact locations to be determined. Requests welcome.	Keene Clay 503 558-8500
Sept 6 - 7	Red Top Mtn. / Pow Wow	Jasper, thundereggs, agate, quartz crystals, jade	8am @ Teanaway West Fork campground; Dig & light hard rock tools	Rocky McCall 360 629-2515 rm711@tgi.net
Sept 13	First Creek and Red Top Mtn. / NSLMC	Thundereggs, Geodes, Agate	Ellensburg, WA. Rock hammer, hard rock equipment	fieldtrips@northseattlerockclub.org
Sept 13 - 14	Greenwater / PUY	Agate, jasper, thundereggs	Meet @ 9:00 AM @ old FR 70 - FR 72 Jct.	Tony Johnson Info@PuyallupGemClub.org
Sept 20	Owyhee Mtns., ID / OGMs	Big thundereggs	Call coordinator for info	John Powell 208 454-0550
Sept 20 - 21	Plush, OR / OGC	Sunstones	Call for info	Tony Griffin 208 863-4248
Sept 20 - 21	Gothic Peak / MVRC	Quartz crystals	Strenuous 5 mile hike; hard rock tools	Ed Lehman 425 334-0282 wsmed@hotmail.com
Sept 21	Money Creek/Daamon Mine / NSLMC	Pyrite, Sulfides, Silver ore, picture jasper	Snohomish, WA rock hammer, chisel, hard rock equipment, flashlight or lantern	fieldtrips@northseattlerockclub.org
Oct 4	Money Creek / NWR	Silver ore, picture jasper	Meet @ 9 AM @ Money Creek camp; Dig & light hard rock tools	Ed Lehman 425 334-0282 wsmed@hotmail.com
Oct 18 - 19	Salmon Creek / WAC	"coprolites", carnelian, jasper, pet. wood	Meet @ 9:00 AM @ I-5 Exit 63 park & ride	Mike Messenger 360 456-6930 wams1939@comcast.net
Oct 25	Hog Creek, ID / OGMs	Agate geodes	Call for info	John Powell 208 454-0550
Oct 26	Grassy Mtn., OR / IGC	Petrified wood, jasper, agate	Call for info	Tony Griffin 208 863-4248

Rock & Gem Clubs: BEL = Bellingham Rock Club; CLACK = Clackamette Rock Club (Oregon City); EKC = East Kingco Rock Club; ELB = Ellensburg, WA Rock Club; IGC = Idaho Gem Club (Boise); KIT = Kitsap Rock Club; KRAC = Klamath Rock & Arrowhead Club (Klamath Falls); MHRC = Mt. Hood Rock & Gem Club (Gresham); MBRC = Mt. Baker Rock Club; MVRC = Marysville WA Rock & Gem Club; NID = North Idaho Mineral Club (Coeur D'Alene); NSLMC = North Seattle Lapidary & Mineral Club; NWR = Northwest Rockies (WA); NFMS = Northwest Federation of Mineral Societies; OGMs = Owyhee Gem & Mineral Soc.; Pow Wow = All Rockhounds Pow Wow Club of America; PUY = Puyallup Gem Club; ROX = Roxy Ann Gem & Mineral Soc. (Central Point); SHC = Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society; SWMS = Southwest WA Mineral Society; TRI = Tri-Federation Rock Clubs; TVGC = Tualatin Valley Gem Club; WAC = WA Agate Club (Olympia); WAMS = Willamette Agate & Mineral Soc. (Salem)

Editor's Note: Unless Tim updates this list, it will not be published again until next year. Suggestion: cut this page out of the Newsletter and paste it on your "refrigerator".

2008 Gem & Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
May 10-11 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club - 49th Annual Show	Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds Black & Tamarack St. Exit 1-90 @ N. 7th St	Dan Carter 406.586.4552 or Doug Ellis (406) 266-4452 opalcrusher@hotmail.com
May 17-18 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Hatrockhounds Annual Gem and Mineral Show Hermiston, Oregon	Hermiston Convention Center, 4155 Hwy 395, Hermiston, Oregon	Mike Filarski, PO Box 502, Irrigon, OR 97844 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
May 24-25 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society, Mineral & Fossil Show	Hamilton Senior Center 820 N. Fourth & Adirondac Hamilton, MT	Steve Vieth 1-406-363-2632, stevevieth@msn.com
June 6-8 Fri 12-5 Sat 10-6 Sun 11-4	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show	Fruitland Grange Hall 112th and 86th Avenue East Puyallup, WA	info@puyallupgemclub.org or Puyallup Valley Gem Club P.O. Box 134 Puyallup, WA 98371-0014
June 7-8 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club Annual Gem Jewelry and Mineral Show	Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	Bob Bockman 208 773-5384. Bockbb@aol.com.
June 13-15 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club Gem and Mineral. 46th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Lincoln Co. Fairgrounds, 633 NE 3 rd St., Newport, Oregon Directions: http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/fair/index.html	Juli Dahl, 541-563-7495 jdahl12@casco.net. PO Box 2439 Waldport, OR 97394
June 14-15 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club Show	Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Ave Butte MT	Pete Knudsen 406-496-4395
June 20-22 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	68 th Annual NFMS Show & Convention, Up & Coming in Ontario	Ontario Fairgrounds, Convention Center Ontario Oregon	Margaret Stallknecht 208-365-1653 mestallknecht@yahoo.com
Jul 26-27 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	WA Agate & Min. Soc. (WAMS) & Tenino Rock Cruisers, 14th Annual	Parkside Elementary School, Stage Street, Tenino, OR	Daniel De Boer (360) 866-3940 keylock@comcast.net
Aug 2-3 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary's Rock and Gem Show	North Bend Community Ctr. 2222 Broadway North Bend Oregon	Don Innes, 541-396-5722 Carol Leaton 541-269-0542
Aug 16-17 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	The Nisqually Valley Rockhound Society's Annual Show	Yelm Middle School Hwy 510 Yelm, WA	Mike Smith 360-458-8747 msmith2012@ywave.com
Aug 30-31 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Stallknecht-Morgan Museum Gem & Mineral, Letha Gem Show	West Idaho Boulevard at the Park, Letha, ID	Margaret Stallknecht 208-365-1653
Sep 6-7 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Unpqua Gem & Mineral Club, Annual Show "Rocks Under Foot"	Douglas County Fairgrounds Douglas Hall (1-5, Exit 123) Roseburg, OR	Dave Snyder 541-679-7553 dwilliams@mesi.net
Sep 19-21 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary's Rock and Gem Society South Coast Rock and Gem Fest 2008	4 th St. Parking Lot, Across from Outdoor-In Family Restaurant, Coos Bay Oregon	Don Innes 541-396-5722
Sep 20-21 Sat 10-6 Sun: 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Soc. 14th Annual, "Rockhounding In The Rockies"	Ruby's Inn & Conv Center 4825 N. Reserve Missoula, MT	Bob Riggs, 14 Holiday Lane, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 543-3667
Sep 20-21 Sat 10-6 Sun: 10-4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society Annual Rock & Gem Show	Castle Rock Fairgrounds Castle Rock, WA	Diane Thurston 503-728-4274 spuds@clatskanie.com

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Oct 11-12 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock & Gem 34th Annual Gem/Mineral Show (Rocktoberfest)	Totem Middle School 7th. Street & State Ave Marysville, WA 98270	Ken Metz (425) 422-8575 Ken_metz@hotmail.com Rocky McCall 360.629.2515 rm711@tgi.net
Oct 10-12 Fri 10-8 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Billings Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show	Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mullowney Lane Billings Montana.	Vern Watson 2511 Olson Dr Billings MT. 59102 (406) 652 5958
Oct 18-19 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Hells Canyon Gem Club, Inc. Annual Show	Nez Perce County Fair Grounds, Lewiston, ID	Jack Edwards 509-529-3673 edwardsj@wwics.com
Oct 25-26 Sat 9-6 Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club, Earth's Hidden Treasures 2008	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4 th Ave Canby, Or	Rick Mauer (509) 691-6395 tallerricardo@juno.com
Oct 25-26 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Bellevue Rock Club Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE Bellevue, WA	Marjorie McKinley, POB 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009-1851 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net
Oct 31-Nov2 Fri 12-7 Sat 10-7 Sun 11-4	The Springfield Thunderegg Club of Eugene, OR, Rock & Gem Show	Oakway Center 112 Coburg Road Eugene, OR	Jim Nelson 541 687-8100 or Bob Smith 541 741-0060
Nov 8-9 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5	Skagit Rock & Gem Club, "Treasures of the Earth" Annual Show	Sedro Woolley Comm. Ctr. 720 State Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Tina Anderson, (360) 299-8224

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Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Jul 30-Aug 2 Thur 10-5 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun: 10-5	NFMS/AFMS Combined Show hosted by Billings Gem & Mineral Club, 51 st year	Holiday Inn Grand Montana 5500 Midland Rd Billings MT	Doug True 406-670-0506 dtruefossils@yahoo.com